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Council OK's drain improvement cost

Angela Harris Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members approved a budget \$1.08 million amendment to the Junction subdivision project that will allow for storm drain enclosure improvements Monday night.

The amendment and contract change order allows the mayor and city clerk to execute contract change orders and price adjustments that do not exceed the agreed-upon amount with Tyger Excavating.

"All the money was already bonded for the project and we are making the changes to make the residents happy," said Mayor Alan Lambert. "The ditches will not be so deep."

These new funds will be used for the implementation and completion of the storm drain enclosure improvements according to the plans outlined by the city engineers at the special meeting prior to the council meeting.

Instead of ditches, the piping for the drainage will now be underground in swells, he said.

"We will have positive drainage for the first time in years," Lambert said.

These swells will be filled halfway with gravel with the piping for water and the sewers underneath so that the pipes are not eliminated and will have a slight taper so they are not so deep, said Councilmen LeRoy Burcroff.

Following water main and other road improvements, ditches, which at some points are more than 6 feet deep, have been left uncovered, creating an eyesore, dangerous situations with children in the neighborhood and standing water which is a breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other insects.

Residents in the area complained at previous city council meetings about the ditches, leading to this change.

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The crew reviews equipment for the upcoming film "Bilal's Stand" being filmed in part at Romulus High School. They expect to continue filming in the area until Aug. 11.

Lights, camera, action Former student making movie at high school

When filmmaker Sultan Sharrief was seeking the perfect location for his latest movie project, he had only to look back to his years at Romulus Senior High School.

That's where Sharrief and a crew from University of Michigan EFEX (Encouraging the Filmmaking Experience) are currently shooting "Bilal's Stand", the latest in Sharrief's list of projects.

Many of the scenes for the movie are being filmed at the high school culinary arts facility. The film will feature Charles Usztics, the 2005 National Culinary Arts Teacher of the Year who teaches at Romulus.

"Bilal's Stand" is a true story

that explores the theme of social mobility vs. community abandonment, Sharrief said. The film focuses on the life of an inner city high school senior, Bilal, and his family's longowned taxi stand.

The family wants Bilal to carry the torch but he takes up ice carving and wins a college scholarship. Bilal is then forced to decide between working at the stand or pursuing a college degree and higher empowerment.

University of Michigan professor Terri Sarris, who teaches multi-camera studio, single digital video and film production, is leading her class in the production of the film. Producer and director Sharrief is assisting

Sarris has received grants from Michigan art agencies including the Michigan Council for the Arts, The Office of the Vice President for Research and the Center for Research and Learning and Teaching.

Sharrief has been active in the arts programming community as a producer of "The Spiral Project" (a 35 mm feature film), filmmaker of "Mural" (a documentary about the U of M Rugby team trip to Thailand to help with Tsunami relief) and a producer of "Fulfill a Hankering" (a 25 minute 16mm film). He also

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Election precincts are moved

Angela Harris
Staff Writer

Voters in precincts nine and 15 in Romulus will report to a new voting location this election year.

Because of new federal and state laws regarding the accessibility of polling places to handicapped residents, voters in these precincts will no longer vote at Fire Station 2 on Middlebelt Road, but rather Romulus Elementary School at 32200 Beverly Road.

This change is effective with the Aug. 8, primary election.

All affected registered voters were notified of the change in early June by a letter that accompanied their new voter registration card and a map, said Linda Choate, Romulus city clerk. Also, on the day of elections, a notice of the move will be posted on the doors of the station.

This move will affect about 2,200 registered voters in the two precincts, Choate said.

The clerk's office was notified of the need to change locations at a meeting at the end of April by the state director, Choate said.

The fire station is not handicap accessible and unsuitable to host elections because the parking lot is not solidly paved, Choate explained. The ramp entering the building has a railing only on one side and is dangerous, the bathroom is not accessible and the door handles are not easily opened, Choate added.

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Police promotions OK'd despite objections

Andrea King Staff Writer

Promotions were approved in the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department last week, despite the objections of some members of the board of trustees.

The restructuring proposal was approved 4 to 3 last week by the trustees, although some trustees said they had problems with pension requirements, double promotions and union issues.

"I'm concerned with the cost of public safety," said Trustee Phil Hart. "I like the idea of promotions from within, but have a problem with double promotions. I'm also opposed to the fact that there's no command under Director Jerry Champagne."

"I think the proposal has a lot of merit, but I do have concerns," said Trustee Jeff Jahr. "The structure presented I have problems with. I think there might need to be someone in management under the director and minor modifications, I think the proposal is acceptable. I don't think they've really thought through the promotions and at this stage I'm reluctant to support it."

The restructuring will promote the current police lieutenant-Ken Brooks-to the rank of captain. Sgt. Greg Laurain was named captain for support services, which consists of the detective division, school resources offices division, records bureau

and the traffic services unit.

Sgt. Dennis Brooks and Ernie Thornsbury were promoted to lieutenant in the patrol division, as well.

Champagne said the police organizational design should focus on the level of authority or positions holding formal power within the organization. The development of a good organiza-

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I think it's a great improvement that can set the department on a level of professionalism we haven't seen in a long-time.

Cindy King Township Supervisor

tional structure results in increased efficiency and effectiveness. This new structure sets in place a clear line of authority opposed to the flat organization already in place, he said.

It also provides a cost savings for the department, too.

"It's less costly because less people were promoted than the original plan, overtime costs were cut and there's no additional funding needed," Champagne

"This doesn't dramatically

change the composition of the police department and it doesn't require the hiring of additional personnel," he added. "The goal is to establish a sound leadership chain of command while developing future leaders of the department."

The current structure of the police department consists of two sergeants on each shift: a sergeant in charge of support services and one in charge of the traffic services section.

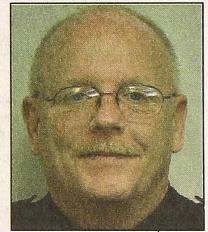
Township Supervisor Cindy King said there have been great strides made in the police department, but there's still more that needs to be achieved.

"Director Champagne has worked hard to develop the department and the people in it," she said. "We have a flat organization back there. A chain of command is critical for public safety. I think it's a great improvement that can set the department on a level of professionalism we haven't seen in a long time."

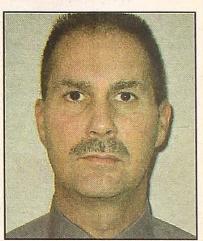
Others agreed, particularly when it came to promotions within the department, along with the anticipated cost savings.

"As a business person well read in profit and non-profit organizations, if you take any good organization and study that, they consistently promote from within to make it great," said Bob Thorne, member of the township public safety commission.

"I have faith and support and



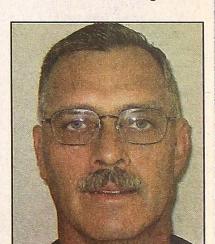
Ken Brooks



Greg Laurain



Dennis Brooks



Ernie Thornsbury

will give that fully to the director," said Trustee Walter Rochowiak.

Union issues and double promotions also caused concern. Champagne is a non-union member, while the rest of the staff are union members, he said.

"If we went non-union we would have to go outside for peo-

ple to promote instead of inside, which would be more money and cause morale issues within the department," Champagne said. "As for the double promotions, that was caused in part because the organization hadn't been developed over the years. These people are more than qualified to do the job and they do it well."

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Candidate touts 'family values'

Kristyn Peterson Staff Writer

Family values are an important part of Republican Ben Armstrong's campaign to become the 22nd District Michigan State Representative.

"The forefathers had family values and they eroded away," Armstrong said. "Traditional family values are slipping away in both parties, and instead of complaining, I've decided to do something about it."

If elected, Armstrong, who is a pro-life advocate, will fight for the rights of the unborn child.

"Life is defined at conception. That's a huge thing for me," he said.

"So many children are being killed in America. And if it's not a child, what is it? I've never met a woman who is pregnant with anything but a child. She doesn't get pregnant with a vacuum," Armstrong said. "Any argument made for pro-choice just doesn't fly with me."

In addition to his pro-life views, Armstrong believes marriage should be limited to heterosexual couples.

"Marriage is a union between a man and a woman. You can't have a union between a woman and a woman, or a man and a man," he said. "If gay marriage is legal, it's putting a stamp of approval on it. It would mean it's OK for a couple to pick their kid up from school and kiss on the mouth in front of a kindergartner. These are the things people don't think about."

Also related to family values is divorce, Armstrong said.

"Many problems are the result of divorced families and kids growing up in broken homes," he said. "Don't say the kids are going to be OK if the parents get divorced. They might grow up to be wonderful people, but there is always going to be an effect.'

In addition to his family values platform, Armstrong also hopes to play a part in repealing the Single Business Tax, which was established in 1975 to replace seven existing business taxes. According to Armstrong, the tax must be eliminated.

"I do not want the single business tax replaced at all," he said. "I want to grow the economy and give money back to businesses so they can invest."

"I'm not in favor of taxing corporate profits," he added. "I would like to grow the economy, create more jobs and create more taxpayers."

Armstrong is not in favor of government intervention in the economy, he said.

"The government needs to stay out of the way of the economy and let people flourish and live the American Dream," he said.

"During the Clinton Administration the economy boomed, mainly because nothing happened in government. We had a Republican Congress and a Democratic administration. Nothing passed because the government was gridlocked," he added.

Armstrong also linked the struggling economy to abortion.

"Forty million babies have been aborted," he said. "Look at if we had 40 million more people. Sixteen-year-olds would need



Ben Armstrong

cars, babies would need diapers, and 6-year-olds would need clothes. Forty million more people would be out there buying things."

In addition to improving the economy, Armstrong also hopes for improvement in schools, he said.

"I am not against charter schools and schools expanding," he said. "The more school choice, the better. School of choice makes schools have to perform better to keep students. Competition only makes schools perform better, and that's what we need."

She added that she did not precincts.

As a result, she was forced to move the voting location to the brand new elementary school which is able to handle the

lem because precincts nine and 15 have the lowest voter turnout in any election, she said. The

people turn out; five people," Choate said.

Grant funds to be used for senior services

Angela Harris Staff Writer

An agreement between the City of Romulus and Wayne County will help fund services for senior citi-

The city council approved the agreement Monday night. It allocates \$286,000 to the city for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant Funds.

These funds will be used to help pay for the senior center bond payment and the Housing Rehabilitation. The senior bond payment will receive \$236,000 and \$50,000 for the rehabilitation.

By entering this agreement, Romulus will have extra funds to fund the senior center and the recreation center without having to raise taxes, said Councilwomen Ellen Craig-Bragg.

"All the extra things that go in really help," she said. "It gives us the resources to make things happen that we do without having to raise taxes."

receives the funds from the federal government and then allocates the money to the city to use to provide housing and community development activities according to the

We will have community development without raising taxes.

Councilwomen Ellen Craig-Bragg

Since increasing taxes are a main concern in the community, this project will allow the city to not have to "dig" into taxes, Craig-Bragg said.

"We will have community development without raising taxes," she said.

Being a sub-recipient of the funds means that Wayne County agreement, said Tim Keys, economic development director. The county has the agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"It's 'free money' to utilize to meet the criteria," said Councilmen LeRoy Burcroff.

In addition to the new funds, the city already has in place \$75,000 from the liens repaid for additional emergency housing rehabilitation, a Senior Center bond payment of \$4,400, senior services for \$30,000 and \$23,600 for administrative costs.

Romulus enters this contract with the county each year to receive the allocated funds to spend on the senior center and housing rehabilitation and has received the funds since the late '70s, said Maria Lambert, downtown development director. This will be the third of 10 years that the city plans to use the funds to pay for the senior center, she added.

The grant for the 2006-2007 fiscal year includes \$50,000 for housing rehabilitation that the city does not normally receive, Lambert said. Last year, the city received \$271,000 in block grant funds.

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founded the U of M Ice Carving team and served as a student representative to arts organizations such as the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Cool Cities Conference. His resume also includes two years as an intern for the Ann Arbor Film Festival and three years as Assistant Director for the Arts on the Hill program.

EFEX Project organizers are asking for help to support the cast and crew during the film preparation period, which lasts through Aug. 11. They are asking for food donations for the 30member cast and crew. Community members and businesses are encouraged to contact Mark Hickner at (989) 992-4396 (hichner@umich.edu) or Sultan Sharriefz (ssharrie@umichi.edy) for information regarding donations.ge - mail

It adds up

dents recently took part in a math fair to help their peers learn more about core concepts and making the numbers work. Here Lauren Nierman and Heather Liegh (rights) learned more about polar coordinates on a bullseye game designed by fellow student Sandra Harris. Below, students Amana Sheikh, Theresa Windom, Brittney Garrison, Carl Gillespie and Desirea Yates welcomed students to the





Romulus High School stufair.

Precincts

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"To go out, handicapped people had to go out a small door, through the boiler room and through a small door," Choate said. "It was a 'hole-in-the-wall." It's awful. There was no way to get a wheelchair in there."

The parking lot has been occasionally filled in with extra asphalt but over the years has worn away making it hard for those in wheelchairs to navigate, she said. In addition, the doors have knob handles that required turning and under the federal and state laws, the doors have to have push down lever door handles so that those with arthritis can easily use them, she added.

With the relocation, precincts nine and 15 will join precincts three and eight at the elementary school. Choate moved the precincts there because the polling location by law must be in a non-profit location and the government does not own any other buildings in the precincts besides the fire station, which is slated to close.

want the polling place in one of the churches within the

increase in voters, Choate said. Combining four precincts into one location will not be a prob-

largest turnout the affected precincts have had is in presidential elections when between 300-400 people vote. "At one election, we had five

Drains

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The residents wanted to fill the ditches, but positive drainage of the standing water had to be maintained, said Romulus Councilwomen Ellen Craig-Bragg. Covering the ditches was not originally part of the initial plan, but the concerns residents brought to council members prompted the effort to cover them.

'We will be meeting two goals-having positive drainage and improving the landscape for residents," Craig-Bragg said.

At the special meeting Monday night, residents also brought new concerns to the council about part of the road being torn up because of the ongoing project, Burcroff said.

As a result, the goal is to have all of the swells filled, covered and sealed by winter and to have a primary layer of asphalt on the road to get the residents through the winter. Then in the spring of 2007, the city plans on re-doing the road and smoothing out the settling that resulted from the winter, he added.

OPINION

Our choices are...

For Michigan State Senate

Campaigns are always interesting when there is no incumbent involved.

An open seat tends to bring out more qualified candidates and, while some may still face an uphill battle, they at least don't have to battle against someone who is already entrenched in the job.

That's the case in the 5th District of the Michigan Senate, where five candidates seek to replace Burton Leland. The lone Republican candidate, David Malhalab, will automatically go on to the November ballot, where the top vote getter from the Democratic Party will oppose him.

There, the two front runners are Tupac Hunter, currently a state representative serving a portion of Detroit, and Janet Badalow, a Dearborn Heights resident currently serving on the city council there.

It's a tough choice because we feel they are both qualified for the job. The decision, then, became based on who we think would best represent the City of Inkster, which is in danger of being lost in the large district.

We feel that Badalow would do a better job in that respect. She lives much closer to the city, virtually across the street from the border. She is well acquainted with the issues in the city—many of which are similar to those she's fought on the Dearborn Heights City Council—and we think that will translate to more visible representation for the residents of the city.

Hunter has done an admirable job serving the residents of Detroit and rightfully prides himself on his record of responding to his constituents. The senate district is larger than his state representative district, though, and we're afraid that Inkster may get lost in the shuffle.

For that reason, Badalow deserves the nod for the state senate seat. We hope that she will make good on her promise and not forget her neighbor if she's elected to the spot.

Vote for **Janet Badalow** on Aug. 8. It's time for Inkster to have a voice in the Michigan Senate.

State House of Representatives

The race to see who will replace State Rep. Jim Plakas (D-Garden City) in the Michigan House of Representatives is among the most interesting in the area.

Plakas cannot seek re-election because of term limits and he leaves behind a big seat to fill. He has served the residents of Inkster—and Wayne, too, before his district was redrawn—well during his time in office and his leadership will be missed.

The race has attracted several qualified democrats to follow him, though, including Bob Costan, an attorney who sits on the Dearborn Heights City Council, Bill Kaledas, a Garden City resident who has served that city in several capacities, including as mayor and Chanetta Franklin, an Inkster resident and political newcomer with a background in accounting.

The top vote getter on Aug. 8 will oppose Republican Jeremy DeLozier, an Allen Park resident, in November.

We like Costan for the job. He has shown a clear grasp of the issues facing the City of Inkster and is well acquainted with the personalities involved in the city. He's been a strong voice on the Dearborn Heights City Council, filling in for the council president on occasion. His legal background will serve him well, too, in Lansing, at a time when there will be plenty of freshmen lawmakers throughout both chambers. His record on the council gives his promise to provide a loud voice for

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If I were a candidate...

Every year, as election season approaches, I look forward to conversations with candidates for office.

And every year, I'm usually disappointed with answers that follow the party line, don't show much creativity, humor or practicality.

I'm not running for state office, but if I were, here is how I'd answer some of those questions.

First of all, I'd be in trouble from the start because I'd run on a platform of bringing common sense back to government, and I don't know which political party that would apply to. None that I've seen.

Health care

Every day you hear something about how bad this situation is getting. Thousands of workers are uninsured. Costs are going up so dramatically that they threaten to bankrupt municipalities, force more and more businesses to cut back or eliminate them and make the common Joe pay more. Municipal officials have talked about double digit increases in health care for the past two years, at least.

Gas is about \$3 a gallon right now. If it suddenly

spiked to \$3.45, people would be clamoring for an investigation into price gouging. So why don't

we investigate the health care industry for the same thing? It would at least put them on notice that we won't stand for it any more.

Another option here is to provide tax incentives for companies to provide health care to employees. You want to truly help out the economy? Try that. The tax breaks could be tied into employers that provide a program to increase the overall health of employees—that would encourage people to live healthier lives, which would help ease the burden on the health care system and, hopefully, reduce costs (or at least increases).

Single Business Tax

I'm sick of hearing about the Single Business Tax. That's going to expire at the end of 2007, anyway. We should use the between time to come up with an alter-

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Close

Edge

Here's a smart call to make

We hear it all the time in Michigan: We need a smarter workforce.

I think all states could use a smarter workforce; one can never be hurt by too much education or too much opportunity.

A smarter workforce will bring more jobs to the state, which has one of the highest levels of unemployment in the United States, experts say. Companies like to build their businesses where there is a built-in supply of talented people, we're told.

All of these things are true, to some extent. And some of it makes sense – until you take a look at history, and read between the lines.

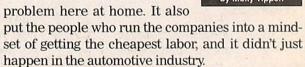
Automotive jobs – the backbone of Michigan and the rest of the Midwest – are leaving the area in droves, and they've been leaving since the late 1990s, going to places like Mexico, where the residents had little education or training at all.

They were happy to just have the job. The jobs that ended here in Michigan didn't fade away because the person who occupied the position wasn't smart enough or skilled enough or educated enough. The company thought he just cost too much.

In a way, he did. A compensation package of \$67 an hour is difficult for many of us to imagine, even though it is a way of life for others.

The compensation package wasn't as much of a deal until politicians threw open the doors for lowcost labor to be moved to places like China, India

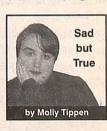
and Mexico. This ensured companies could move work overseas without too much of a problem here at home. It also



I spent the majority of the weekend reading a fascinating book called "The Disposable American" by Louis Uchitille. This book is the best I've read about explaining the predicament we face. The author explains that some globalization is necessary – and so were some layoffs. But he also explains companies that laid off employees en masse were viewed askance by consumers, and that today, we have created an environment where layoffs are expected. And as long as we accept the situation without opposition and while companies continue to rake in large sums of money and take advantage of the American marketplace, it's not going to get any better.

Call your congressmen and ask that they support measures that would close a trade gap that hurts American workers and currency manipulation. Ask them to oppose any measures that would give tax incentives to any company that would move jobs overseas. Ask them to pass a law that would make it illegal for a company to file for bankruptcy protection when their European and Asian conglomerates are thriving.

noved to places like China, India It will be the smartest call you've ever made.



Letters

Mayor's actions criticized

To the editor;

I was at the July 3 council meeting and heard about the mayor's MERS pension plan. The citizens of Romulus paid into the mayor's retirement plan \$18,289 last year. The mayor got an increase of \$13,135 over the \$18,289. An increase of 70 percent that will cost the taxpayers an extra \$1,100 per month. The mayor's pension will cost the taxpayers \$31,430 for the new budget year. This breaks down to a monthly cost of \$2,600. I know the mayor got a \$10,000 raise and makes \$90,000 per year. He drives a city vehicle for personal use that he reimburses the city 5.5 cents per mile (\$.055). At approximately 18 miles per gallon, that's less than \$1 per gallon for gas while the taxpayers pay the difference at the pump. Mayor Lambert, you're the first mayor in Romulus history to drive a city vehicle for personal use.

I also learned at a recent council meeting that the Hannaville tribes have not purchased the property with the big

Inkster residents the ring of truth.

him working with his colleague

Janet Badalow, should she be

successful in her bid to win a

We also like the possibility of

billboard stating 3,300 jobs coming to Romulus. If they were sure they were going to come, why didn't they buy the land? The mayor gave out 20 percent raises. Shouldn't he have waited until a casino or racetrack came in so there was increased income?

Our senior center was bought with government grant money. If the government cuts the grants, the taxpayers will have to pay the

Our new recreation building is being purchased with TIFA dollars. Residents wanting to use the building will have to pay a membership fee. People are losing their jobs, taking concessions, losing their homes. I hope we have enough memberships to keep the building open. Mayor Lambert, the residents took good care of you. It's your turn to take care of the residents. So, how about cutting property taxes? If you asked the new residents, they'll tell you they can't afford to live here in Romulus.

The city council budgeted a \$7.1 million bond millage for the water and sewer department. The junction project was only \$5

That's not to say, however, that

we feel Kaledas is not qualified

for the job. He's a man of the peo-

ple that strongly fights for what

he believes in. We like his

activism as president of the

million. We should have done the job right the first time. Our new subdivisions don't have huge ditches. They should have placed crocks in the ditches and covered them up for the safety of the residents and for looks. The mayor's first response was the subdivision didn't look that bad. But after the large crowd explained the problems and complained and told him they wouldn't vote for him, then the mayor agreed it did look bad and needed to be taken care of.

Mayor Lambert, I wish you'd take care of the residents as well as you take care of yourself.

> John M. Clark, Romulus

Group's actions criticized

To the editor:

Save the Plymouth Historical Museum-PLEASE.

Carl Berry and his cronies have every right to question the Plymouth Historical Museum and it actions with Beth Stewart, but please don't insult me and the army of volunteers that devote our time, resources and dollars to this jewel of Plymouth.

His group calling itself "Save Plymouth Historical Museum" is like the Beef Growers Association attempting to call itself The Friends Of PETA. Let's call this action for what it is, a politically motivated attempt to promote a candidate

at the expense of smearing another.

If this group was truly concerned about the museum they would have approached the museum director and the board. Rather than run to the press and attorneys. Let's be honest this group is anything but concerned with "Saving The Plymouth Historical Museum".

> Ken Sullivan, Plymouth

Editor's note: The group that brought this issue to public attention said it did approach the museum board and officials first.

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about Franklin, the only Inkster resident involved in the race. We think her background would provide a strong foundation for her and we liked the fact that she was a fresh face with a lot of good ideas. Our endorsement might have even swung her way had she been forthcoming about her current occupation. Her unwillingness to share that information was a concern at a time when we feel government should act more openly, not secretively.

Whoever follows in the footsteps of Jim Plakas will have tough shoes to fill. We think Bob Costan is best suited to fill them. He's more in tune with Inkster and should provide a clear voice for residents. Vote Costan on Aug.

state senate seat.

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House

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native to it and to find a way to help businesses take care of their employees. I think that would have a more positive effect on the economy than arbitrarily getting rid of a tax before we have a plan in place to make up the revenue.

Perhaps we could investigate legislation that would allow Chambers of Commerce to pool smaller businesses into a large group that could then get better health care rates. Those are some of the things I'd look at.

Education Funding

I'd push for legislation that would cap the per-pupil foundation allowance in the top districts until the lower ones keep up. They wouldn't get the state-wide finding increases. It might make school officials in Bloomfield

Patriot Guard, a group that protects families of soldiers who have died in the line of duty from funeral protestors.

We should also print a note

Hills angry, but I have to be responsible to the people in my district, not theirs.

Road funding

I say we hire a few dozen court work crews to pull up all the 'no left turn' signs at the bottom of freeway entrance ramps. I don't know if we could make a lot of money selling them to frat houses or student dorms as a fundraiser, but it will certainly mean we won't have to purchase any more. Let's face it, if anyone feels the need to turn into oncoming traffic that's traveling at 70 mph, well, a little sign isn't going to change their mind. We might be better off without those kinds of drivers, anyway.

Those are a few of my ideas, but I'd like to hear yours. Drop me a line at www.journalgroup.com or 35440 W. Michigan Ave, Wayne, MI 48484, under the title: "If I were a candidate." I'll print the ones I like and maybe even come up with a prize for the winner...



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Christmas in July Annual foundation event is tonight

Meghan Chatham Staff Writer

Santa Claus is coming to Westland a little early to help the Westland Community Foundation host their 12th Annual Christmas in July celebration.

About 200 people are expected to descend on the Hellenic Cultural Center tonight to help the community foundation mix fun with philanthropy. The Salvation Army band will provide a background of holiday music as guests fill a room trimmed in traditional Christmas decorations.

Among other treats, the event will give attendees an opportunity to vote for the new Westland Idol. For the past several weeks, four local businesses hosted trials and now the competition is down to eight competitors.

"It's a lot of fun," said Diane Mathews, program coordinator for the Westland Community Foundation. "You get to enjoy the local talent."

They'll be well fed as they do so, too. A wide variety of cuisine will be available for visitors to select from and beer, wine, and soft drinks are included.

During the event, 10 Westland students will receive scholarships from the community foundation while representatives of the Salvation Army will receive a donation check to help fund their community outreach programs.

Participants are also asked to bring nonperishable foods to place under the Christmas tree for distribution at the Westland Salvation Army food pantry.

"Most people donate around the holidays," said Mathews. "The food bank needs replenishing around this time of year."

The biggest charitable contribution, though, comes from tick-

et sales

"We have no paid staff members in our organization," said Mathews. "All of the net profits go right back into the Westland community."

She added that the group netted more than \$13,000 from the event last year that they were able to funnel back into the community.

The Westland Community
Foundation has benefited a
number of groups and organizations in the past, including the
Salvation Army, Warm Hearts,
the Westland Historical
Commission, and various high
school groups.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6 tonight at the Hellenic Cultural Center, located at 36375 Joy Road in Westland. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 595-7727. Tickets are \$50 per person and business casual attire is expected.

Business Expo planned at Westland Center

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will once again host an annual Health and Business Expo at Westland Shopping Center Aug. 26.

The event will offer business professionals an opportunity to meet with residents from all walks of life and is open to businesses throughout the Westland area

"With the economy the way it is, it's a good opportunity for businesses to get their name out with people," said Lori Brist, president and CEO of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

For more information or to reserve a space, contact the

Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222. Members of the Westland Chamber of Commerce may reserve a table for \$125; it is \$175 for non-members. Non-profit organizations may reserve a table for \$75. Westland Shopping Center is located on Warren Road just west of Wayne Road in Westland.

Rotary Clubs unite for clean water project

Kevin Hill Staff Writer

Rotary clubs in Wayne County will band together for a special cause this fall.

"We strongly believe that kids have two main rights and that is water and education," said Jan Eisen, president of the Plymouth Rotary.

Such bare necessities are taken for granted here, but Eisen is helping to organize a fundraiser to provide water pumps and biofilters to countries in Central America, where access to clean drinking water is hard to come by.

Poverty, social unrest and natural disaster are constant threats to providing safe water in countries such as El Salvador and Honduras. Programs from various groups including Rotary International have provided the relatively inexpensive filtration devices. The efforts are making some headway, but Eisen said the battle is far from over:

"Right now they're sharing their drinking water with the animals, and they use it for washing and everything people need water for," he said. "There's no way that it's drinkable."

Drink it they must, though,

often resulting in debilitating and sometimes fatal diseases. Without safe water, added Eisen, families are hardly able to pursue education for children, and are helpless to improve their situation.

"It's a vicious circle," he

To help break that circle, Rotarians from the Plymouth Noon, Plymouth AM, Northville, Canton and Livonia AM and PM clubs have committed to "The Aqua Project", or TAP, with the goal of raising \$100,000. Other nearby Rotary Clubs have shown interest in participating, too.

"This is the first time that we'll have a minimum of five Rotary clubs from the western Wayne area working together on a fundraiser," said Eisen.

Drinking water is the first step toward providing children in rural areas of the disadvantaged countries access to proper schooling. Eisen hopes some of the money raised can go toward educational supplies.

The fundraiser will take place Nov. 11 at the Super Bowl in Canton. The Super Bowl's 60 lanes will be reserved at \$1,000 each. Teams, players and a major sponsor are still needed.

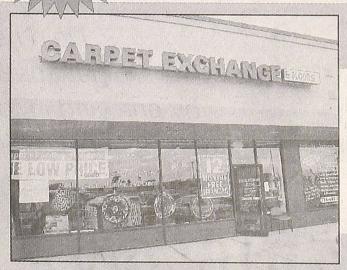
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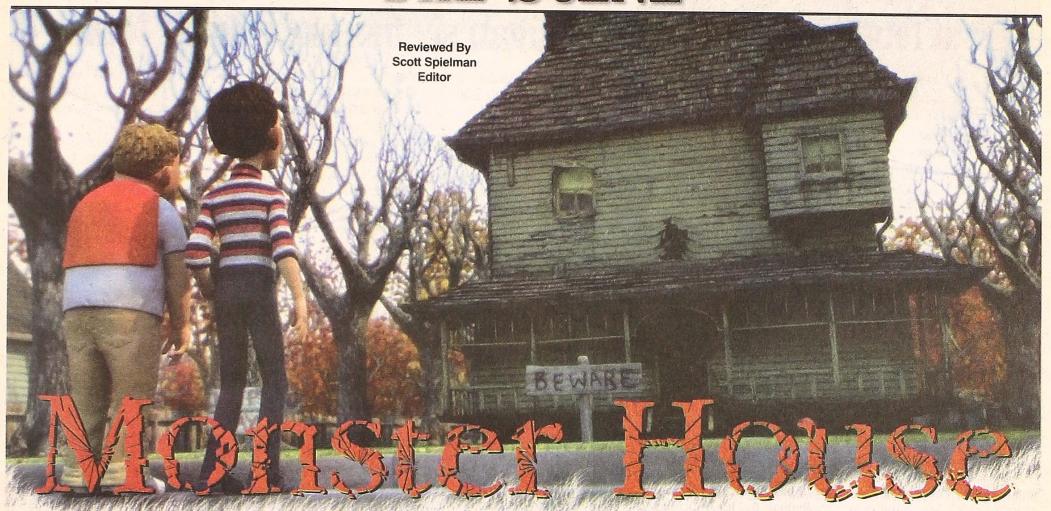
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THE SCENE



A frighteningly good film

Every neighborhood has one: that run down home that is the focus of rumors and suspicion.

Maybe they're inhabited by witches or serial killers or the ghosts of long-forgotten homeowners, or maybe the evil that permeates them is just the product of idle chit chat or vivid imag-

There's such a dwelling across the street from D. J (Mitchel Musso) one of the main characters in Monster House, which opened last weekend. He keeps tabs on it, chronicling every toy or bike confiscated by irascible owner, Mr. Nebbercracker (Steve Buscemi).

The problem goes a little deeper in this house, though, as D. J. and his friends Chowder (Sam Lerner) and Jenny (Spencer Locke) find out when Nebbercracker apparently dies of a heart attack during one attempt to retrieve a ball from his lawn.

Reviewed By Meghan Chatham Staff Writer

he thinks he pushed the crotchety old man over the edge with yet another trip onto the forbidden territory of Nebbercracker's property. He awakens from a bad dream and becomes convinced that the house itself is alive and determined to gobble up anyone who trespasses there—which could be a serious problem because the following day is Halloween and dozens of children will probably ignore the 'beware' and 'go away' signs on the front lawn and approach the ramshackle dwelling in search of free candy.

D. J. is sure the house is actually haunted, though. After he and Chowder attempt to ring the doorbell, the thing comes terrifyingly to life and attempts to snatch them up, with an old carpet rolling out of a doorframe suddenly populated by sharp, tooth-looking boards and a hungry tongue.

Soon after, a dog picks the

is sucked up like a jelly bean. A young girl (Jenny) selling candy door-to-door as a fundraiser, is only barely saved.

D. J and Chowder try to convince their babysitter, 'Z' (Maggie Gyllenhaal) or Elizabeth, depending on whether she's trying to fool his parents, and her boyfriend Bones (Jason Lee) to no avail-even though Bones has had his own encounter with the house, chasing a beloved red kite that he flew as a child.

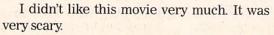
Their attempts to enlist the help of the local law enforcement go hilariously awry, too.

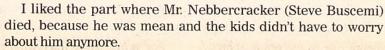
Soon the three children realize they're on their own and, with advice from a video-game junkie, decide they have to enter the house, find its core and put out the fire—all the while dodging errant boards, air ducts, trees and more.

Monster House, which boasts Steven Spielberg and Robert Zemeckis as executive produc-

Kid's corner

By Henry Spielman





Chowder (Sam Lerner) was pretty funny, too.

I liked the part where Jenny (Spencer Locke) kissed D. J. (Mitchel Musso) on the lips, too. That made me laugh.

That house was very creepy.

dren's movie. It's fun and funny, for one thing, and definitely creepy for another. It's probably not well suited for younger children, although my 5-year-old weathered it fairly well (the feeling returned in the arm he clung to before the credits finished

The animation is superb, particularly the parts where the house transformed itself from a run-down looking dwelling to an insatiable eating thing. The dialogue is good, too, but most of the jokes are aimed for an older

There's a real mystery the youngsters must solve to find out why the house is so haunted, a rumor to unravel and brave actions that must be taken. You might find yourself wonderinglike I did—why, on a night like Halloween, a house can get up and chase a few children down the street without anyone else noticing, but if you put aside those plot holes and enjoy the ride, you'll be fine.

Kid's

Monster House is an otherwise solid movie that will entertain the not-so-young and the old,



Luke Wilson and Uma Thurman, to be mindless enough to cause the brain cells of the audience to atrophy and die.

I was pleasantly surprised, though, to find the romantic comedy both laugh-out-loud funny and highly creative in a campy, over-the-top style.

nice guy, very easy going, and more than a little non-confrontational. After a series of relationships with psychotics, as his friends put it, he's just looking for a nice woman who won't turn into a crazed stalker if the relationship fizzles. As his first step back into the dating pool, Matt

allows himself to be pressured by a friend into hitting on a pretty but non-threatening looking woman, Jenny (Thurman).

After a series of false starts, the duo enters into a relationship. Although Jenny has stars in her eyes in rather sick adoration of Matt, he doesn't reciprocate. Some parts of the relationship

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Super Ex

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work really well, but most just don't work for him. Jenny's jealousy and possessiveness finally irritate him badly enough that he breaks up with her.

The only problem is Jenny is the alter ego of G-Girl, a crime-fighting super hero. If hell has no fury like a woman scorned, imagine what happens when that woman is given super powers. Chaos ensues as Jenny takes her revenge and although some of her choices are predictable, most as creative as they are a bit disturbing. Who would actually say, 'I know, I'll hurl a hungry great white shark at him'—much less actually do it?

The decision to cast Wilson and Thurman is the lead roles were inspired decision by director Ivan Reitman (*Ghostbusters*, Six Days Seven Nights). The slow moving and slow talking Wilson does a great job as the 'go with the flow' Matt, a role that Hollywood's more high octane leading men would probably have exaggerated to the point of

ridiculousness. He seems very believable as a man who, no matter how hard he tries, can't seem to catch a break and his comedic timing remains perfect throughout the film.

Thurman has proven in prior roles that she can mock fight with the best of them, so the stunts weren't that big a deal. What was impressive was the way she tiptoed a fine line between making her heroine—or maybe villain—real enough for film goers to empathize with while also making her depiction overblown enough to spotlight her 'superhero' side.

The end result is a film that, although shallow, is downright funny without relying too much on adolescent humor. The entire premise of the film is patently ridiculous, but it is this nonsensical quality that saves it from becoming just another romantic comedy. The film also seems destined to become a classic for those suffering from a less-than-amiable breakup and a strong desire for revenge fantasies.

It may not be overly thought provoking, but comedic value makes *My Super Ex-Girlfriend* well worth the ticket price. The film is rated PG-13.

Close to home Michigan scenes are exhibit topic

Art lovers are invited to the Village Theater in August for the latest exhibition of a local painter.

The theater will present "Watercolors by Jim Patterson." The artist is a native of the Upper Peninsula and member of the Michigan Watercolor Society.

While working as a graphic artist at General Motors, Patterson began exhibiting at summer art shows throughout Michigan, said theater director Jennifer Tobin. Many of his works are of natural settings using transparent watercolors and increasingly experimental techniques.

The artist's flowing technique and attention to color is evident is pieces such as "Winter Cardinals" and "Changing Seasons."

The exhibition begins on Aug. 1 and lasts until Aug. 27. The the-

ater gallery is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday; from 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Visitors can meet Patterson at a reception Aug. 6, which takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Patterson has shown his work throughout Michigan for several years, including four solo exhibits 47 juried shows.

Humane Society plans 'open house'

Meghan Chatham Staff Writer

Looking for a new best friend, or a place to spend an afternoon with the one you have?

The Michigan Humane Society will host an open house featuring special treats for the whole family—pets included on Aug. 6.

"It's a new event to celebrate our new family-friendly hours," said Nancy Gunnigle, spokesperson for the Michigan Humane Society. The organization recently expanded their hours to include Sundays.

She stressed that the event is open to everyone, regardless of whether or not they are interested in adopting a new pet. Although helping more pets find a happy home is one of their goals, Gunnigle said that they also want to show people what the center has to offer.

In addition to giving visitors a chance to meet the staff and animals of the Berman Center for Animal Care and tour the facility, there will be free crafts and activities for children and free ice cream for both humans and visiting pets.

Any dogs or cats that visit the open house will receive a free nail trim. Visitors will also be able to see the on-site veterinary clinic that is open to the public. Plus, visitors will also receive a cost effective way to safeguard their pet: microchipping.

On the day of the open house,

microchipping will be available for the reduced cost of \$20 per cat or dog..

Anyone who is interested in adopting a new pet may find the animal they have been looking for

"People may not realize that we also have small animals like guinea pigs, rabbits, ferrets, gerbils, hamsters, and occasionally birds," she said.

As part of the celebration, adoption fees on cat adoptions will be significantly reduced.

The open house will take place from noon to 3 p.m. on Aug 6 at the facility located at 900 North Newburgh Road, just south of Ford Road in Westland. For more information, call Jan Cantle at (866) 648-6263 ext. 150.





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Belleville children's triathalon proves popular

Andrea King Staff Writer

The 10th annual Summer Kid's Triathlon at Belleville High School saw more than 80 participants from Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township.

Parents, fans, community volunteers and sponsor the City of Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission showed their support as the children competed in the shot put, long jump and run divisions. Each division—ages 3-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13 and 14-18—competed to receive an award.

Stephanie Rix, event coordinator and member of the parks and recreation commission, said that word-of mouth made the event so successful.

"This was my first year on the commis-

sion and seeing the participants have so much fun, that's what it's all about," she said. "We almost doubled in number this year. There are kids who just really love it."

Jim Power, member of the parks and recreation commission, said it was a cooperative effort for the 10th anniversary.

"We had a great turnout, a lot of volunteers and parents," he said. "It was exceptionally well received, which made it all worthwhile."

"We had a lot of kids who had a ball, and to be honest, I think the adults had more fun than the kids did," he added.

Multiple events winners included: Blake Morgan, Tim Senne, Leslie Holbrook, Travis Adkins, Michael Morris, Mychael Bradley, Cooper West, Ryan Wehr, Jaiden Robbins, Bella O'Sullivan and Jamal Gray.

Other winners included: Sean Driscoll,

Tyler Robbins, Mariah Morgan, Akerion Cotton, Scott Fleming, Lindsy Eagle, Noah Howell, Zack Bongiorno, AJ Santauy, Jay Robbins, Alan Stoelton, Shiane Williams, Andy Barber, Matthew Bradley, Chase Bongiorno, Antonio Finney, Isaac Morris and Anthony Floro.

Each contestant received a participation

button and ribbon along with ice cream provided by Cool Cone in Belleville. First through third place winners received a medal.

"It's a great community event for the kids to enjoy and it's one that the parks and recreation commission has done and will continue to do," said Rix.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION – AUGUST 8, 2006

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that a Primary Election will be held TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST.
Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	Fire Station #1	130 4th St.
Precinct #2	Fire Station #2	45581 Ecorse Rd.
Precinct #3	Tyler School	42200 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #5	South Middle School	45201 Owen St.
Precinct #6	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #8	North Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #9	Haggerty School	13770 Haggerty Rd

Candidates for the following offices will be voted upon:

Governor

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County Executive

County Commissioner

Township Trustee – Vote 1 Delegates to County Convention

Judge of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit, Non-Incumbent Position - Vote 1

PROPOSAL:

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

This millage will allow the school district to continue to levy up to, but not more than, the statutory millage rate of 18 mills, as may be further statutorily reduced, on all property except principal residence and qualified agricultural property required for the school district to continue to receive its revenue per pupil foundation grant. Shall the previously approved increase in the tax limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property, as defined by law, in Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, be renewed and thus continued in the amount of eighteen (18.00) mills on each dollar (\$18.00 on each \$1,000) of taxable value for a period of five (5) years beyond its expiration, 2007 through 2011, to provide in part the funds to operate and maintain the school system? It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2007 calendar year shall be approximately \$13,266,193 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal.

The County Treasurer's Statement:

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby certify that, as of June 22, 2006 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Wayne County
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Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	<u>Years</u>
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	Increases Effective 2005 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Regional Educational	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Service Agency	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County	November 3, 1988	1 mill	2002 Indefinitely
Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2005 thru 2010
Charter Township of Van Buren	August 7, 1990	6 mills	2010
Charles To Manip of Van Buren	May 6, 2003	3 mill	2008
Van Buren School District	October, 2001	18 mills	2006 (non homest)
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Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 8, 2006 Primary Election is Saturday, August 5, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Township Clerk's Office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC Township Clerk

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OBITUARIES

PAWLOWSKI, Violet

Violet L. Pawlowski, 85, of Romulus, died July 6.

Among her survivors are her daughters, Denise Pawlowski and Janet L. Cook, both of Romulus; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

OLIVER, James

James P. Oliver, 58, of Romulus, died

June 19.

Among his survivors are his wife, Carol E. (Kendall) Oliver of Romulus; children, Amy I. Soard of Romulus and Ronald W. Oliver of Bellair, FL; brothers, Junior G. Oliver and Eugene K. Oliver, both of Ohio; sisters, Barb Tussey and Pauline Marchum, also of Ohio, and a granddaughter, Rachael.

Mr. Oliver served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He had been employed with the Romulus schools for more than 29 years.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Vollink officiating.

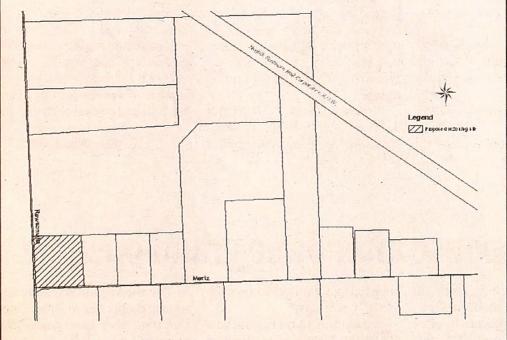
Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Wednesday August 9, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-122-99-0012-000 approximately 1.46 acres proposed to be rezoned from M-2 Industrial Transportation to C-2 Extensive Highway Business.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the southeast corner of Rawsonville and Martz Roads.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of August 9, 2006.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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SPORTS



The Michigan High School All-Star game came down in favor of the East team this weekend, under the tutelage of Tim Baechler, Head Coach for the Canton Chiefs football team.

East beats West

Canton coach leads all-stars to win

Jason Carmel Davis Staff Writer

The 26th annual Michigan High School All-Star Football Game was tied at 15 a little more than halfway through the fourth quarter.

The East squad, led by Canton High School coach Tim Baechler, was pinned deep in its own end following an illegal forward pass penalty on second down. That's when what looked to be a play to improve field position turned into the game's winning score and the longest touchdown run in all-star game history.

On third and 14 from the sixyard line, tailback Pat Clasgensfrom Livonia Stevenson High School—took a handoff from his quarterback, Danny Stiefel of Sterling Heights Stevenson. After Baechler said. "We managed to

effort and a lot of hustle. a few broken tackles and some excellent downfield blocking,

On the long run, you saw Danny hand the ball off.

Then you look up and see him out in front of

(Clasgens). That took a tremendous

for good, 22-15. Before that attempt, Clasgens managed just eight yards on four carries. His touchdown scamper raised his average yards per carry from two to more than 20. Clasgens finished with 102 yards on five rushes.

Clasgens hit the end zone for a

94-yard score that put the East up

"We just ran a simple play,"

lay some good blocks and (Clasgens) took it from there."

Clasgens' run also helped the East out gain the West, 122-78, on the ground, while the West bested the East in the passing game, 114-105.

Although Stiefel was solid under center, Baechler said his best performance was as a block-

"On the long run, you saw

Accelerators ready for national track tourney

Jason Carmel Davis Staff Writer

James Bowles, assistant track and field coach at Morgan State University, and Sarah McDay, a sports medicine professional, gave some cut and dry messages recently to the Michigan Accelerators.

Bowles told members of the track team to be students of the sport. He said that it's more important to work on weaknesses than strengths and that track and field, and other sports, are good ways to finance a college career.

"It's a mental game, too," Bowles said. "You've got to get on the grind when you're (on the track). You have to have a positive attitude, too. The days that I didn't feel like running were some of my best practices."

The youths who make up the Accelerators, now in their third year of existence, take heed to those and other messages. In the 'alumni' section of the team web site, it lists 39 members who have gone on various colleges and universities.

Romulus High School graduate Brittany Howard will soon be added to that long list. Howard will attend Michigan State University in the fall on an athletic scholarship.

Howard, who will compete in at least seven events as a Spartan, has run with the Accelerators since their inception. The soon-to-be kinesiology major said she owes a lot to the squad.

"It's a lot easier to slack off on a high school team than it is out here," Howard said. "Everybody out here wants to be here. In high school, a lot of those people are just there to be there. We work hard out here and it shows.'

Track & field enthusiasts James Hall and Francis

three-member track team grow into one that rivals what the U.S. sends to the Olympic games.

The team competes in meets

all over the country and it isn't made up of a bunch of slouches, either. Each member finishes at the top, or close to it, in every Hall is a graduate of

Robichaud High School, where he played football. He also ran track under McCauley. Hall then went on to Eastern Michigan University and the NFL.

McCauley has been with the Westwood School District for the better part of 35 years. He's served as an administrator and athletic coach.

When Hall returned to the area from some time in Atlanta, he and McCauley wanted to start a track team as a way to service their community and keep their "Robichaud legacy"

That's the idea behind the Accelerators. Word spread about the group, which started with just three members. Because of word of mouth, more kids from more areas wanted to get involved with the Accelerators. 'Inkster' was changed to 'Michigan.'

"These kids come to us blessed," Hall said. "Someone in their families had to be runners because these kids are all extremely talented. We're just working with the gene pool."

The youths practice on the Romulus Middle School track in the spring and summer, and at the Romulus High School track in the winter. Runners come from as far as Brighton to be a part of this group.

Members of the squad range from age 5 and go all the way up to high school seniors. They compete in 30 events from November. to May in an indoor and outdoor season. Whereas joining other teams might cost more than some

Nothing but net

Basketball Planet receives good response after June grand opening

Matt Whalen Staff Writer

Whether it's to train in the hopes of someday fulfilling an NBA hoop dream, or to just shoot some baskets for fun. The Basketball Planet in Canton has everything for basketball enthu-

The basketball-training center is a 47,000-square-foot structure with a weight room, five personal trainers and a total of seven basketball courts. There feet by 50 feet, three 84 feet by 50 feet NCAA courts, two 30 feet by 50 feet training courts, and one toddler court. The toddler court is padded and has two baskets and a three-point line. Anyone seven years old or younger may use the toddler court. To keep adults entertained while their children shoot baskets, the Planet also has a lounge televisions, wireless Internet and theater style seating.

The facility also has a

is similar to a pitch machine in baseball. The gun shoots basketballs and allows players to perfect their shot from different spots around the court. The Basketball Planet is so well equipped for basketball players that members of the Detroit Pistons have worked out there, according to CEO Michael

'We wanted to create a total basketball environment. It would have been too expensive to do this project with new conis one NBA court measuring 94 machine called the gun, which struction and this building suit-

ed what we wanted to do perfectly," Cenit said.

Basketball players who are not in the NBA, but workout at the Planet, may also have the chance to be watched by college coaches. This workout facility also has a computer-generated video and statistical program that allows coaches to watch the workouts of potential recruits online. This would be a subscription-based service with a projected cost of \$200 per month for colleges, according to Cenit.

The Basketball Planet hosted its grand opening in June. Since that time, they have gained 600 members.

"Our goal is to have 3,000 members and eventually have leagues and tournaments played here," Cenit said.

The Basketball Planet is a private club with membership fees of \$40 per month for adults and \$30 per month for students with a school ID.

An individual can also use the facility by paying \$8 for a daily pass.

SPORTS

Baechler enjoys experience

Jason Carmel Davis Staff Writer

After he watched his East team best the West in the 26th annual Michigan High School All-Star Football Game, Tim Baechler had a confession to make.

Baechler, Canton High School head football coach, said he didn't want to coach in the game when he was initially offered the job. He said he would have rather spent the off time with his chil-

"I have two young boys that I'd like to hang out with," Baechler said.

After he arrived on the campus of Michigan State University and was able to interact with the players on his roster, Baechler's tone

He said it was great to see the players develop a bond in the short amount of time they were together. He added that the bond helped out in his squad winning the game, 22-15.

"I think they way the guys acted when they were hanging out translated a little to some success on the field," Baechler said.

Baechler said that he and his coaching staff didn't do much game planning. He said that's standard in games like this one. Baechler added that he just wanted to make sure everyone saw the field at some point.

"Usually games like this are low-scoring," Baechler said. "You can see how much preparation goes into these things because



they're defensive games for the most part."

Baechler said it helped him to gain some comfort by having one of his players on the trip.

Offensive Tackle Ryan Jonik was selected to play in the game. Baechler said he was happy to see Jonik enjoying himself.

"A coach always worries about his guy in games like these," he said. "I was worrying whether or not he was going to fit in, but he fit in nicely.

"I saw him walking around the cafeteria making jokes. He had everybody laughing. I think we all had a good time up here."

Canton Coach Tim Baechler watches the action from the sidelines. The head varsity coach for Canton High School said he enjoyed the experience of coaching the All-Star game.



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Game - Late surge aids East in Victory

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Danny hand the ball off," Baechler said. "Then you look up and see him out in front of (Clasgens). That took a tremendous effort and a lot of hustle."

The East jumped out to a 6-0 lead halfway through the first quarter when Stiefel hit wide receiver Domingue Douglas- of Detroit Murray Wright—for a 27yard score. The East took an 8-0 lead less than two minutes later

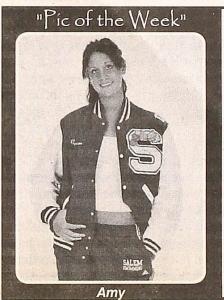
Livonia Franklin blocked a punt near the West end zone.

The East built a 15-point lead when Jacob Ball-Rochester Adams-found Birmingham Brother Rice tailback John Goebel for a 77-yard touchdown.

The West cut the lead to eight when Nick Violette-Midland Bullock Creek—picked off a Ball pass and returned it 53 yards for a score. The West capped off an eight-play, 60-yard drive when

when linebacker D.J. Tracy of Ann Arbor Pioneer tailback found pay dirt on a 13-yard scamper, tying the game at 15 and setting the stage for Clasgen's hero-

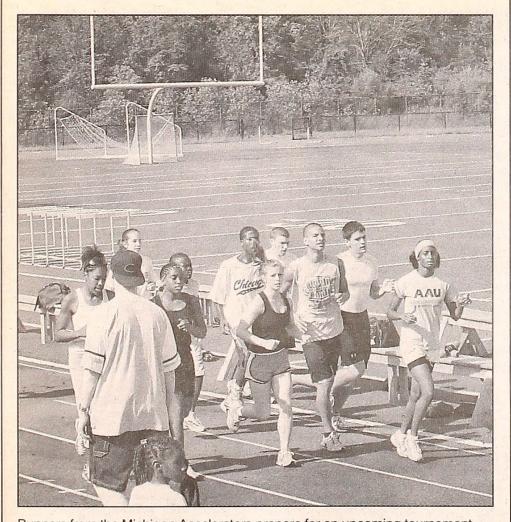
> Baechler had two players from his neck of the woods on the roster. Canton offensive tackle Ryan Jonik saw some time on the East offensive line, while Salem tight end Kevin Bradley took a number of snaps, as well. Romulus wide out Kevin Smith did not participate in the game.



Senior Photo Shoot

Creative images done on location, in studio, color and B&W.

Michael Reynolds Photography 192 Liberty St., Plymouth 734-254-9531



Runners from the Michigan Accelerators prepare for an upcoming tournament.

Track - Accelerators prepare

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can afford, these athletes pay only \$150, which goes toward uniforms, equipment, training and event fees.

The team began competition at a National Tournament yesterday in Baltimore. About 20 members of the squad will take part in a number of individual and team events.

A top-14 finish gives a team or single runner All-American status. Hall said he's confident that several of his runners can place high.

"We've got a number of kids who will finish in the top 10 of a lot of the events," he said. "I think the weekend will be successful for us as a group."

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FUTURES START RIGHT HERE! GREAT

Repairs to subdivision roads to begin soon

Andrea King Staff Writer

Road improvements in the Lake Crest and Belle Harbor subdivisions will begin soon, according to Bryce Kelley, director of planning and economic development for Van Buren Township.

"This has been long in the making and has prompted a lot of emotion by the residents," he said.

Township trustees approved the engineering and construction costs for the project last week. The road replacements and related storm water management improvements should be completed by November.

Eight streets in the special assessment district will be reconstructed, along with storm water facilities and other related improvements within the area.

The cost for engineering services will be about \$99,635 and construction costs will be \$1.5 million for the project. Wayne County agreed to pay 20 percent of the costs, up to a maximum of \$320,000, which include the reconstruction, the removal and the replacement of asphalt roadways. The homeowners must pay the balance of the expenses, which would be about \$700 each for the next 15 years, according to township officials.

Kelley said homeowners first addressed

the project about 20 years ago. In 2003, the project received serious attention when a combination of unseasonably warm temperatures caused a rapid thaw of soil under the roadways. The weight of heavy vehicles also rutted and destroyed the asphalt surface in some areas, making the roadways impassable, he said, ultimately causing the county to close limited areas of the road until repairs were made.

Residents petitioned for the project in June, which lead to the approval because of majority demand: 122 of the 196 property owners.

As designed, there will be little disruption to the front yards and the finished roadways will be 20 inches in width. Those areas where the storm water management system is in need of repair will be reconstructed, too, officials said.

POLICE BRIEFS

Belleville man pleads guilty to second-degree murder

Belleville resident Ronnie Jackson II pleaded guilty to second-degree murder last week in a fatal March accident that killed a Livonia man.

Jackson, 34, was charged with five felonies, including manslaughter with a motor vehicle and two counts of operating while impaired causing serious injury. He was sentenced on July 18, and faces 7.5 to 20 years in prison.

The fatal nine-car crash happened at about 6:50 p.m. March 20 at Michigan Avenue and Oakwood in Dearborn. Jackson was driving a 1999 Dodge Caravan traveling westbound on Michigan Avenue at a high rate of speed when he sideswiped several cars and rear-ended one of three cars at the end of a left turn lane, police said.

Livonia resident Kenneth Brzezinski, 52, was in the first vehicle struck in the left turn lane. He died from the chain-reaction collision, according to police.

Belleville boy hit while riding bike

A 9-year-old Belleville boy is in stable condition after he was hit by a car last week while riding his bike.

According to Det. Marc Abdilla of the Van Buren Township Police Department, the boy was struck at about 8:17 p.m. on July 18 by a vehicle that was driving on Belleville Road near the Harmony Lane subdivision in the township.

The boy is now in stable condition, Abdilla said.

The accident remains under investigation. Anyone who has any information is asked to contact Abdilla at (734) 699-8922 or Sgt. Fred Yono at (734) 699-8907.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

BID 06107-01 - 2006-2007 Bulk Road Salt BID 06/07-02 - 2006-2007 Pavement Marking BID 06/07-03 - Interoperable Radio Communications Equipment and Installation

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s and/or service/s.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A, Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us or on the City of Romulus Web Site, www.romulusgov.com

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the <u>City Clerk's Office</u> no later than 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 15, 2006. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED TO: BID # CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE

11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174

(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

Publish: July 27, 2006

CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a General Primary will be held in the City of Romulus County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Standard Time.

Each person voting must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America.
- (b) A registered elector of the City of Romulus.
- (c) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in Wayne County:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
United States Senate
Representative in Congress
State Senator
Representative in State Legislature
County Executive
County Commissioner
Delegate to County Convention
Judge of Third Circuit Court, Non-Incumbent Position Vote 1
and, the following Millage Proposal:

PROPOSALS
WAYNE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY MILLAGE RENEWAL

If approved, this proposal shall renew the 0.59 mill levied by the Wayne County Transit Authority in 2006 and allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, serving the elderly, handicapped, and general public of Wayne County.

Shall the tax imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Transit Authority area which expired with the 2005 tax, be levied for four (4) years, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, inclusive, at 0.59 mill (59 cents per \$1,000 taxable value), for the purpose of making contribution in aid of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) and its purpose of serving the elderly, handicapped and general public in the County of Wayne? It is estimated that 0.59 mill would raise approximately \$13,241,383 when levied in 2006.

Yes No Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 22, 2006 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne.

Wayne County Wayne County, Michigan

		Vote	Years
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Increases	Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Reginal Educational	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Service Agency	August 6, 2002	1.5 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2002	0.25 milts	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2002 Indefinitely
Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2005 thru 2010

Signed: RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ

Date: June 22, 2006

The polling places will be open for voting from 7:00 am., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Precinct	Location
1	Wick Elementary School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
2	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
2 3	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
4	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan
5	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
6	Rudgate Club House, 7040 Shawnee Road, Romulus, Michigan
7	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
8	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
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Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.6532 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish:

July 27, 2006

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964

CLASSIFIED

- 01. Obituaries
- 02. In Memoriam
- 03. Cards of Thanks
- 04. Monuments
- & Cemetery Plots 05. Personals/Announcements
- 06. Legal Notices
- 07. Attorneys
- 08. Entertainment
- 09. Lost & Found 10. Coming Events 30. Help Wanted

- 42. Health and Fitness 43. Money to Loan
 - 44. Music/Art Lessons
 - 45. Adult Care

31. Help Wanted Sales

33. Child Care

32. Help Wanted Drivers

34. Specialized Services

40. Business Opportunity

35. Situations Wanted

- 46. Private Schools/Instruction 47. Riding/Horses/Stables
- 50. Pets & Supplies
- 54. Rummage Sales
- 55. Estate Sales 56. Flea Markets
- 57. Antiques
- 58. Garage and Yard Sales 59. Auctions
- 60. Misc. Sales
- 61, Misc. Items
- 62. Building Supplies 63. Business and OfficeEquipment
- 64. Lawn & Garden Supplies 65. Tree Service
- 66. Landscape / Nurseries
- 67. Garden Plant / Supplies 68: Garden / Produce
- 70. Masonry / Brickwork
- 72. Machinery Tools
- 73. Musical Merchandise
- 74. Sporting Goods
- 75. Boats / Accessories
- 77. Recreation Vehicles
- 76. Remodeling & Renovations
- 78. Hunting / Fishing
- 82. Wanted to Buy
- 87. Room for Rent
- 88. Duplexes for Rent
- 89. Apartments for Rent
- 90. Condos/Townhouses for Rent
- 92. Business Places for Rent
- 93. Banquet Halls 94. Farm Land for Rent
- 95. Real Estate
- 96. Houses for Rent
- 97. Cottages for Rent
- 98. Mobile Homes for Rent
- 99. Flats for Rent
- 100. Will Share 101. Wanted to Rent
- 102. Storage
- 103. Business Property for Sale
- 104. Farms & Acreage for Sale 105. Mobile Homes for Sale
- 106. Houses for Sale
- 107. Condos/Townhouses for Sale
- 108. Lake and Resort

110. Lots for Sale

- 111. Out of State Property 112. Commercial Lease
- 113. Real Estate Wanted
- 114. Auto Accessories
- 115. Autos for Sale
- 116. Antique & Classic Cars
- 117. Trucks & Vans for Sale

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- 118. Freebies

- 119. Auto Repairs
- 120. Motorcycles
- 121. Autos Wanted

1. Obituaries

SCHUMAN, Duane Errol of Belleville, age 35, passed away July 19, 2006. He was born August 11, 1970 to Sandy and Errol

Schuman and they survive. He is the cherished husband of Tonya and the beloved Father and "Best Bud" of Colin and Carson and son-in-law of Michael and Lynda Horvath. Duane is a veteran of the Marine

Corp who served in Desert Storm. He was a 1989 graduate of Belleville High School and was employed by Ford Motor Company. He enjoyed Michigan football, fishing, and time with his family. He will be fondly remembered for his kindness, generosity, and his devotion to his family. Duane is also survived by

his grandparents Earl & Louise Schuman, Grandmother Larinda Ritter, Sister Angie (Dennis Lolley) Schuman, Brothers-in-law Michael (Robin) Horvath, Bryan (Michelle) Horvath, Brad Horvath, Sister-in-law Renee (Mark) LeClair, many Aunts and Uncles,

numerous nieces, nephews and cousins and his long time best friend Matt Berry. A memorial service was held Tuesday, July 25. at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI, With Pastor Ken Belch officiating. Expressions of sympathy may be made at the church, to the children's educational fund. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell funeral home,

6. Legal-Notices

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Would WILLIAM JAMES or anyone knowing of his whereabouts, please contact L. Bradshaw at 519-252-1171 ext 2710

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PLYMOUTH Sub-Wide Garage Sale Fri., July 28 Sat., July 29 9:00am - 3:00pm Country Club Village Sub N. off Ann Arbor Rd. W. of Ridge Rd.

59. Auctions

Notice is hereby given that on 8/24/06 at 1:30pm. the following will be sold by competitive bidding at: The Storroom Self Storage 40600 Michigan Ave. Canton, MI

Space #201 S & J Heating & Cooling, Inc. Heating & cooling supplies, galvanized steel, copper tubing

Space #740 Travis Massey TV/Electronics, hshld. furnishings, exercise equip., other misc. items

DEARBORN HEIGHTS POLICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC **AUCTION**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on August 2, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. at: Dalton Towing, 27218 Currier, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 (313-299-9727):

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2P4GH25K5PR334291 1995 Mercury 1MELM62405H652575 1995 Mercury 4M2DV11W850J83875

1990 Plymouth

1P3XP48K0LN213030

1996 Ford 1FMDU34X1TUD67836 1993 Buick 2G4WB54L9P1471239

Please Note: The bidding

will start at the towing and

storage charges

On August 5th, 2006, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Worship Directory

Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church DISTRICT ELDER LUKE A. McCLENDON, PASTOR

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1993 Ford 2Dr 1ZVCT20A9P5193901 44-420-06 1995 Ford PU 1FTCR11U7SPA04051 44-421-06 1995 Dodge 4Dr 2B3HD46TXSH601304 44-464-06 1991 Chrysler 4Dr 1C3XY66R0MD186142 44-429-06 2002 Chevrolet 2Dr 1G1JH12T227150026 44-520-06 1997 Chrysler 4Dr 2C3HH46T9VH668763 44-532-06 1989 Pontiac 4Dr 1G2HZ54C5KW213010 44-476-06 1994 Chevrolet VA 1GBEG25K7RF102286 44-525-06 1998 Chrysler 4Dr 1C3EJ56H2WN105703 44-546-06 1992 Saturn 4Dr 1G8ZJ54471NZ122985 44-589-06

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and Storage, 42350 Van Born Rd., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1990 Ford PU 2FTDF15N1LCB24141 44-261-06 1992 Honda 4Dr 1HGCB765XNA139879 44-392-06 1995 Mercury ST 4M2DV11W1SDJ89968 44-404-06 1991 Pontiac 2Dr 1G2JB14T9M7645983 44-469-06 1993 Dodge 4Dr JB3BM64J8PY013787 44-470-06 1993 Ford 2Dr 1FAPP31X5PK165103 44-564-06 1995 Chevrolet ST 1GNDU06L2ST160638 44-599-06 All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC Van Buren Twp. Clerk

Vehicles may be deleted

from this list at any time

prior to the start of the

auction.

Public Auto Auction Aug. 2, 2006 at 8:00am Westland Service Towing 300 S. Newburgh Westland, MI 48186

1991 Dodge Colt 2Dr JB3CU24A1MU041480 1988 Merc. Marguis 4Dr 2MEBM75FXJX662589 1992 Ford Tempo 4Dr 2FAPP36XXNB140326 1993 Ford Probe 2Dr 1ZVCT20A4P5107359 1991 Chev. Cavalier 2Dr 1G1JC14G2M7159018

Note: Vehicles are Canton impounds

Public Auto Auction Aug. 8, 2006 - 10:00am Westland Service Towing 300 S. Newburgh Westland, MI 48186

1997 Dodge Intrepid 4Dr Purple 2B3HD46T6VH540909 1987 Ford Bronco SW Black 1FMCU14T8HUD20615 1997 Hyundai Elantra 4Dr Burgundy KMHJF24M7VU457573 1990 Chev. Lumina 4Dr White 2G1WL54T3L9182413 1999 Chrysler Concorde 4Dr Silver

2C3HD46R1XH607829

2001 Ford Taurus 4Dr Silver 1FAFP52281G236976 1989 Ford Aerostar Black

1FMDA31U9KZB83779 1996 Dodge Neon 4Dr Red 1B3ES46C1TD703368 1988 Ford Mustang 2Dr Red

1FABP41A4JF235184 1997 Ford Escort LX 4Dr Purple 1FALP13P3VW118870 1991 Acura Legend 2Dr Black JH4KA8273MC003394

1981 Ford F-150 PU Blue 2FTDF15E6BCB22206 1984 Ford F PU Black 2FTCF15Y8ECA70913

1991 Chev. Lumina 2Dr Black 2G1WL14T3M9250056 1988 Pontiac Bonneville 4Dr Burgundy 1G2HZ54C8JW243388 1987 Ford T-Bird

2Dr Red 1FABP64W8HH161804 1985 Pont. Parisienne SW Brown 1G2BL35H8FX263891 1997 Dodge Stratus 4Dr Burgundy

1B3EJ46X1VN536708 1993 Pontiac Grand Am 4Dr Black 1G2NE54N9PM525799 1988 Acura Legend

4Dr Gold JH4KA4658JC036937 1989 Ford PU Blue 1FTDF15N2KLA70420 1994 GMC Jimmy

SW Burgundy 1GKDT13W5R2518304 1993 Ford Escort 2Dr Green 1FAPP1284PW194631 1993 Ford Taurus

4Dr Green 1FACP5344PG161172 1987 Ford Mustang 2Dr Primer 1FABP42E1HF240709 2000 Ford Taurus 4Dr Green

1FAFP5320YG248967 1997 Plymouth Neon 4Dr Red 1P3ES47Y3VD267247 1994 Jeep Cherokee 4Dr SW Silver 1J4GZ78S7RC272750

1986 Chevrolet S1-PU Silver 1GCCS14R0G2130879 1964 Pontiac Catalina 2Dr Brown 2L57R3P284872 1993 Ford

Econo Van Blue/Wht 1FDEE14Y5PHB64882 2000 Daewoo Leganza 4Dr Silver KLAVB6929YB217027 19767 Olds Cutlass

2Dr Beige 3J57R7M444939 Note: Vehicles are

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Deadline is today to file for Belleville City Council vacancy

The deadline to submit an application to fill the vacancy on the Belleville City Council is 2 p.m. today.

The city council is required by the charter to fill the unexpired term of William Creamean, who resigned on July 5, within 30 days. The appointment will be effective until Nov. 19, 2007.

Applicants should plan to attend the special city council meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday where city council members will interview the candidates and consider the

appointment.

Each applicant will be asked to make a brief statement not to exceed 3 minutes, followed by questions from council members and the audience.

Candidates are also requested to

remain outside of the meeting room while other applicants are being interviewed so that the process will be fair to all applicants, officials said.

For more information, contact city hall at (734) 697-9323.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, 2006

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Parks Manager Mulkey, Lieutenant Brooks, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of fifteen (15).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of June 19, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of June 19, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2006 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, August 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bishop Park in Wyandotte in Parking Lot #1, located on Van Alstyne Street off Biddle, between Elm and Oak Streets. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

A notice from the Water and Sewer Department advised the Township is under voluntary outdoor water use restrictions. Beginning immediately through September addresses ending in an odd number should do outdoor watering only on odd numbered days and those whose address ends in even numbers should use water outdoors on even numbered days. Customers should also limit or avoid outdoor water use during peak times from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Lastly, people utilizing underground lawn irrigation systems are asked to program watering to start after midnight and end by 5:00 a.m., and adhere to the odd/even days.

The 60th Annual Wayne County Fair will be held on August 7th through August 12th and the fairgrounds are located at 10871 Quirk Road. For further information contact the Fairgrounds at 734.697.7002 or on the web at www.waynecountyfair.net.

Director Ross thanked all the volunteers who helped with the play build at Van Buren Park on Saturday. A special thanks to the Van Buren Civic Fund for their contribution of the play structure and to Parks Manager Mulkey and Jack Golden and Associates for their efforts in making this a successful event. Also, on Saturday was Takin' it to the Streets at Willow Run Airport and a thanks to all the parents and children who participated.

Supervisor King thanked the Civic Fund for luncheon that was held following the play build last Saturday at Van Buren Park. The Civic Fund Board of Directors expresses their thanks to Parks Manager Mulkey for assistance in making this event successful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Clair seconded to approve the Independent Contractor Consulting Agreement between Property Tax Administration of Michigan, LLC at a rate of \$6 per residential and/or agricultural parcel, to be paid on a monthly basis for overseeing the residential and agricultural properties in Van Buren Township along with those other duties outlined in Attachment "A" of the Independent Contract and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to Execute the Agreement noting \$10,500 be transferred from Assessing Line Item 101-247-705-000 (Employee Wages) to Assessing Line Item 101-247-818-000 (Contracted Services) for a total line item amount of \$42,300 for the year 2006 which reflects no requested increase in the 2006 Assessing Department Budget. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Clair seconded to approve the Public Safety Director's proposal to revise the organizational structure within the Police Division of The Department of Public Safety and to authorize the creation of the rank of Captain, provide for two Captain's positions and one additional Lieutenant, and authorize the promotion of current command officers to fill these ranks as noted in Director Champagne's July 11, 2006 Memorandum. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Payne, Clair, Rochowiak and King. Nays: Budd, Hart and Jahr. Absent: None. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the contract with Davenport Brothers Construction to construct two restroom facilities at Van Buren Park and one restroom at French Landing Park at a cost not to exceed \$462,000 to be paid for with the Wayne County Parks millage grant funds and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to adopt the Resolution 2006-22 in support of the Non-Binding Memorandum of Understanding to develop the Aerotropolis Plan. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to allow Trustee Jahr to abstain from voting on "New Business" Items # 5 "Consider approval of the engineering administration and ser

vices agreement between Van Buren Township and Spaulding-DeDecker Associates, Inc. for the planned improvements to the public roads and related storm water management systems in the Lake Crest and Belle Harbor Estates Subdivisions Special Assessment District in Sections 21 and 22 of the Township." and #6 "Consider approval of the construction contract between Van Buren Township and VIL Construction, Inc. to improve the public roads and related storm water management systems in the Lake Crest and Belle Harbor Estates Subdivisions Special Assessment District in Sections 21 and 22 of the Township." as he is a benefited party of these items. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the engineering administration and services agreement between Van Buren Township and Spaulding-DeDecker Associates, Inc., dated July 10, 2006, for the planned improvements to the public roads and related storm water management systems in the Lake Crest and Belle Harbor Estates Subdivisions Special Assessment District in Sections 21 and 22 of the Township, in an amount not to exceed \$99,635 and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the construction contract between Van Buren Township and VIL Construction, Inc. and include Exhibit A for dispute resolution, to improve the public roads and related storm water management systems in the Lake Crest and Belle Harbor Estates Subdivisions by way of the Special Assessment District in Sections 21 and 22 of the Township in an amount of \$1,534,799, to be paid by the property owners in the Special Assessment District and to authorize the Supervisor to approve any necessary documents. Carried.

Payne moved, Clair seconded to approve the permit application UT5663295/M63107/06-810 by AT&T to construct underground telecommunication infrastructures in the public right of ways within the township for the installation and construction of approximately 1,400 lineal feet of underground telecommunication and related infrastructure within the Huron River Drive and Elwell Road public right a ways. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the permit application UT5662648/M63107/06-811 by AT&T to construct underground telecommunication infrastructures in the public right of way within the township for the installation and construction of approximately 50 lineal feet of underground telecommunication and related infrastructure within the Tyler Road public right of ways (near Parkwood Apartments). Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the permit application UT5663295/M63107/06-892 by AT&T to construct underground telecommunication infrastructures in the public right of way within the township for the installation and construction of approximately 310 lineal feet of underground telecommunication and related infrastructure within the Rawsonville Road public right of ways. Carried.

Clair moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Treasurer's request to extend without penalty the collection of the 2006 summer taxes through Friday, September 29, 2006. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the July 4, 2006 and July 18, 2006 voucher lists. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the May 2006 Budgetary and May 2006 Public Safety Reports received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The 60th Annual Wayne County Fair will be held on August 7th through August 12th the fairgrounds are located at 10871 Quirk Road. For further information contact the Fairgrounds at 734.697.7002 or on the web at www.waynecountyfair.net.

Absentee ballots are available and ballots are currently being processed by the Clerk's Office for the August 8, 2006 Primary Election. Contact the Clerk's Office at 699.8909 for additional information on voting.

Director Ross announced the Sizzling Summer Nights Concert Series at Van Buren Park as follows: on Friday, July 21st - The Belleville Community Band, on Friday, July 28th COHORT - Classical Rock, on Friday, August 4th the Twistin' Trantulas - Rockabilly and on Friday, August 11th Crossroads — Country. The concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. For further information contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

Trustee Clair stated the Huron Valley Conservation Association has training materials from Michigan State University Extension Service regarding the Clean Boats Clean Waters Program.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Joannie D. Payne, CMC Township Clerk

Cindy C. King Township Supervisor

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